



## Minutes City Council's Finance, Economy & Veterans' Affairs Committee October 16, 2007

Minutes of the City Council's Finance, Economy & Veterans' Affairs Committee held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 3:00 p.m., in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**Committee Members Present:**

Vice Mayor Hut Hutson, Chair  
Councilmember Mark Mitchell

**City Staff Present:**

Brenda Buren, Assistant Police Chief  
Lisa Collins, Planning Dir., Dev Svcs  
Kathy Gasperich, Council Aide  
Jerry Hart, Financial Svcs Mgr  
Jan Hort, City Clerk

Jon O'Connor, Dep. H.R. Mgr  
Chris Salomone, Com Dev Mgr  
Delima Sever, Outreach Coord, Dev Svcs  
Jay Taylor, Fleet Dir.

*Vice Mayor Hutson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.*

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None.

**Agenda Item 2 – Review Committee Work Plan**

Mr. Hart presented a draft of the committee work plan with revised and updated goals.

Vice Mayor Hutson directed staff to include the portion of the scope of the old plan in the work plan as follows:

- redevelopment and development services policy formation and implementation of council-approved projects;
- development, implementation and assessment of economic development approaches, projects and proposals

Councilmember Mitchell concurred.

Discussions will be held during the IRS in regards to retaining the Committee's name of Finance, Economy & Veterans' Affairs, as well as the aforementioned items.

Mr. Hart was directed to make changes to the work plan and to submit it to Mayor Hallman.

**Agenda Item 3 – Hotel Feasibility Study**

Mr. Salomone summarized that the ERA has recommended, based off of existing hotels in the area, the following:

- 60 – 75,000 sq ft Conference Facility
- 20,000 sq ft Ballroom

There are 3,200 rooms currently in the development phase. We need to add facilities as the needs of the City are growing.

Some Hotels that are underway right now include:

- Hayden Ferry Lakeside - RFP for second hotel
- Westin – not for a while
- ALOFT - underway
- Marriott Club Sport - working on 20,000 sq ft ballroom
- Lumina Tempe – expect to go forward
- Marriott Residence – in process
- Pier – do not have hotel ID's
- 100 Mill Ave - DRC
- Tempe Mission Palms – under expansion on hold
- Emerald Center – going forward

Staff will discuss at the E-Session on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> the conference issues related to the Paragon Project.

**Agenda Item 4 – Police Retiree Buy-Back of Firearms**

As previously directed by the committee, Ms. Buren addressed two issues regarding police officer's purchase of handguns;

- How do other Valley enforcement agencies approach this issue?  
Avondale, Chandler, Mesa, Phoenix, and Scottsdale allow Officers to purchase handguns for \$1. Gilbert allows Officers to keep their handguns upon request.
- If a fair market value option were preferred, how would that amount be established?  
Fair market value is currently \$450.

Currently some handguns are re-issued, or used for training.

Options for Council's decision would include:

- Allow sworn Police Officers to purchase their duty handgun for \$1 upon retiring in good standing with 20 or more years of service.
- Allow sworn Police Officers to purchase their duty handgun for fair market value.
- Do not allow sworn Police Officers to purchase their duty weapon.

If buy-backs are allowed, a change to the procurement code would be necessary.

Staff was directed to submit to Council a procurement code change allowing the buy-back of handguns under option 1.

**Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items**

- OPEB Update
- Money vehicles for OPEB deposits

***Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.***

Prepared by: Jaclyn Levin  
Reviewed by: Jerry Hart

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Jan Hort, City Clerk